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Managing Water in the West

**Reclamation Meeting on
Managing For Excellence
Breakout Session: O&M Planning
& Budgeting Process**

July 10-11, 2006

Las Vegas, NV



U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation

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Stated Objectives:

- Action Item 29 - Analyze effectiveness of current O&M planning
- Action Item 30 - Integrate O&M planning with the budgeting process

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Tasks:

- Identify O&M Planning “best practices” within Reclamation and others O&M entities.
- Analyze applicability of those best practices to O&M across Reclamation.
- Incorporate Lessons Learned from best practices into Budget Review Committee (BRC) process.

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Stakeholder Involvement:

- Document and evaluate existing stakeholder involvement practices used in O&M Planning; and
- Recommend best practices for adoption: what, how, by when, etc...

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Progress to Date:

- Developed questions for Reclamation O&M managers, external stakeholders, and other organizations to gain insight on O&M/budgeting/stakeholder best practices.
- Interviewed Reclamation O&M and Budget managers/staff.
- Identified stakeholders and other organizations to visit and interview.

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Next Steps:

- Stakeholder feedback on the questions.
- Team interviews of stakeholders and other organizations.
- Draft report covering findings and recommendations for Reclamation's Senior Management.
- Stakeholder opportunity to review the draft report.

Stakeholder Questions

- Please describe what your interest is in the work plans that Reclamation prepares for capital improvements and OM&R.
- How does Reclamation share information with you?
- Are you satisfied with the quality and quantity of information provided to you?

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Stakeholder Questions

- Are your questions regarding investment and O&M budgets satisfactorily answered?
- What is your perception as to how receptive Reclamation is to your feedback and suggestions?

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Stakeholder Questions

- How are you kept updated as to the execution and cost of the investment or O&M budgets?
- Is that feedback satisfactory?

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Stakeholder Questions

- Does the Reclamation out-year investment and O&M planning & budgeting process align with results; does Reclamation deliver on commitments related to budget, on-time performance, and projects being within the scope described?

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Stakeholder Questions

- Are Reclamation's out-year O&M planning priorities clearly defined and aligned with customer planning process?

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Stakeholder Questions

- What are your suggestions for improving the O&M budget review process?

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Point of Contact

Questions, comments, and feedback from Stakeholders will be accepted for integration into the Teams findings through July 2006. Please send information to . .

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